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WITHIN THE WEEK

"... the policeman's lot is not a happy one."

But this wk the President of the U S, in the gravest call ever made, short of war, asked the nation virtually to police great areas of foreign soil. The people have as yet only the vaguest notion of the size or nature of the undertaking.

In retrospect, the long-continued "hush-hush" policy of our State Dep't appears inexcusable and inexplicable. This lack of a clear educational program on world developments may cost the Administration dearly in an hr of crisis.

The condition now rawly and tardily revealed is that the U S stands virtually alone against decadent forces that are rapidly eating away an established social order. Hunger and hopelessness, defeat and despair are our real enemies in the world today. "Russia" the popular bogey is but an opportunistic symbol. As we pointed out last wk, if chaos prevails, Communism reaps.

As we understand terms, Pres TRUMAN is wide of the mark in referring to populations of Greece and Turkey as "free peoples." But the gov'ts of these nations do represent established order and, in Administration point of view are thus preferable to the anarchy that otherwise would prevail.

This is a line of thought from which there is likely to be sharp

divergence. The Administration foreign policy which, on the whole, has had little opposition from Republican quarters, now faces a crucial test. Many persons who have been unhappy over the form of gov't imposed on Greece will now become extremely vocal in their protests against what they will view as a subsidization of the present monarchical tenure. It will be pointed out that less than a yr ago, the Export-Import bank loaned Greece \$25 million (at Administration insistence) to keep the "anti-Communist" forces in power. It has done no appreciable good; indeed, the greater part of the credit remains unexpended. Thus it seems clear that to perform a constructive service in this pressing emergency we shall have to do more than pass out credits. Americans will have to administer the funds. This involves the increasing danger of conflict with the present Greek gov't which is by no means a cohesive unit.

In brief, Administration reasoning is that while the proposed TRUMAN program has its dangers and *may* lead to war with Russia and her increasing satellites, an attitude of indifference toward developing dangers must put us in a position where eventual war is inevitable. We have delayed too long in making our choice. There is now no good way out of our difficulties.



SHIFTING SANDS

An invention which may "shake commercial radio broadcasting to its foundations" was announced this wk by a Calif gadgeteer. Having found that most commercial "breaks" are of 60-second duration, this inventor has developed a delayed-action switch, operated from an arm-chair, designed to shut off the radio at press of a button, for exactly one min. Control may be adjusted for longer, shorter period . . . Large business-mail users in Washington this wk to protest proposed increases in postal rates, particularly recommendation that circulars be upped from 1 cent to 1½ cts each. Their contention: Higher rates will reduce mailings and postal revenues, leaving Post Office Dep't deeper in red. Nevertheless, Congress seems determined to vote the rate increases . . . So marked is the unfavorable reaction against Japanese wares that the import label has now been altered to read, "Made in Occupied Japan."



FOR THOSE WHO WILL NOT BE MENTALLY MAROONED

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"HE WHO NEVER QUOTES, IS NEVER QUOTED"

Charles Haddon Spurgeon

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Rep KARL STEFAN, of Neb: "The healing rays of an aroused public opinion are the most effective means of treating the cancerous growth of communism, if aroused in time." 1-Q

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ROLAND HAYES, noted Negro tenor, disclaiming qualifications to speak authoritatively on "trends" either in music or in social life of nation: "One thing is sure—nobody in the world seems to know where we are, but that doesn't worry me. I'm just doing all I can with what I have and what I see. So many are so busy foretelling the future they forget what to do with this min." 2-Q

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HELENE CURTIS, Chicago, head of Helene Curtis Beauticians Guild which estimates 2% of all permanent waves are given to men, attributing trend to growing custom of going without hats: "A little wave helps restrain the male locks." 3-Q

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Dr HARRY A BURKE, Omaha, Neb, sup't of schools: "Public education does not owe business one cent. It has paid its way over and over again. The difference between a rich and a poor nation is not in natural resources but in a country's technical skills and the am't spent on education." 4-Q

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HARRY ARMSTRONG, who wrote *Sweet Adeline* in 1896, commenting on report that June is losing favor as barroom ballad: "It don't bother me. I don't care if *Adeline* ain't Number 1 on the drunks' hit parade. To tell you the truth, I'm kinda glad the old girl is growing up to become a lady." 5-Q

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J T KILMER, Panora, Ia: "When beggars steal, it's awful; when rich men steal, it's lawful." (Quoted by GORDON GAMMACK, *Des Moines Register*.) 6-Q

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CLEMENT ATLEE, British Prime Minister: "During this past yr we have all experienced some degree of disappointment with UN. We had hoped for greater progress and greater unity in the Assembly and the Security Council. I share that disappointment. But our other ac-

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tivities (in UN) give us great cause for hope." 7-Q

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Dr DONALD B TRESIDDER, pres Stanford Univ: "The dawn of the atomic age presents us with new and unfamiliar dangers, but we are just as likely to succumb to the internal tensions of disunity, class hatred and confusion which have afflicted our society for centuries." 8-Q

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Dean A JOHN BARTKY, of Stanford Univ school of education, in defense of modern education as compared with armed forces training methods: "Military training was simply present-day educational techniques adapted to the army and navy situation. If military training was satisfactory, then our present approach to college education must be satisfactory, for they were one and the same thing." 9-Q

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LOUIS G LAMAIR, pres Nat'l Ass'n of Music Merchants, revealing musical events drew larger crowds last yr than major-league baseball games: "Babe Ruth, even in his heyday, never enjoyed the salary now paid top-flight artists in the musical world." 10-Q

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HERBERT HOOVER: "The dismemberment of the German state and the attempt to reduce German people to a level of perpetual poverty will some day break into another world explosion." 11-Q

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Mrs IOLA WARREN, 44-yr-old Chicagoan publicized 22 yrs ago as the "stone girl" because of myositis ossificans affliction which doctors said would take her life in 2 yrs: "Modern medicine stopped

my body from changing from flesh and blood to stone. But the happy surroundings I found in the marriage doctors said I was doomed never to know have done me more good than all the medicine in the world." 12-Q

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Capt J C SANDERS, of Neb State Safety Patrol, when asked what color automobile is least often involved in accidents: "Probably lavender." 13-Q

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Sen ALBEN BARKLEY, of Ky: "If the Civil Service Commission should hold an examination to determine who is the most cock-eyed mbr of Congress, I'm sure the 3 ranking highest would not be Senators." 14-Q

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BARON KURT VON LERSNER, retired German diplomat and mbr peace delegation at Versailles after World War I: "Believe me, the most important, the most decisive question of all at Moscow is—shall there be a forced peace? I knew the bitterness of Versailles, and it must not be repeated. Peace by force ends in disaster." 15-Q

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LOUIS E STARR, nat'l comdr Veterans of Foreign Wars, warning of dangers of foreign ideologies: "Subscribers to them are seeping into high places. In one of our own posts, 19 ex-service men were found to have Communist cards. The post turned them out." 16-Q

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Capt HUGH J DELARGY, Labor mbr British Parliament, writing in Eire newspaper: "Britain can never again be a military power of the first order. It is bled white by war... never in the world's history did an enormous empire come to such a sudden end." 17-Q

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Sen ALEXANDER WILEY, of Wis, chairman Judiciary Committee, urging "action" on proposal to let European crews man idle Liberty ships to carry food abroad: "We didn't hesitate to give away 50 destroyers before the war. Now they want help and we've got ships rotting." 18-Q

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Mrs L W HUGHES, Arlington, Tenn, pres Nat'l Congress of Par-

ents and Teachers, urging federal aid to schools: "Not enough teachers, inadequate teacher's salaries, depletion of school budgets and overcrowded classrooms have brought about situations in most areas that can be met only by federal aid. If we fail to supply correctives, it would be to renounce our belief in this country's system of free public schools." 19-Q

Rep CLARENCE J BROWN, of Ohio, declaring that responsibility for solving problems of Greece, other countries, should be assumed by UN rather than U S: "It has always been true that when you send money and weapons into a foreign country, your troops will be soon to follow." 20-Q

ANGELA LANSBURY, English girl now starting in Hollywood films: "I don't think there are any very interesting men in Hollywood, or on Broadway or anywhere else that I've been in America." (Quoted by EARL WILSON, syndicated col.) 21-Q

Veterans' Administration official, Weslaco, Texas: "The skilled man who is in demand can find work or get his old job back. The veteran with no special training, no special ability, is having a hard time. It proves more and more that the man who fits himself for a specialty for which there is a demand is always the most fortunate." 22-Q

FIORIELLO H LA GUARDIA, former Mayor of N Y: "I can't see the right to strike against the gov't or any agency of gov't." 23-Q

Dr. HARRY A WINNE, v-pres Gen'l Electric: "I doubt if atomic energy will supplant other fuels; rather it will supplement them." 24-Q

CLARK GABLE, film actor who gets 6-figure salary, declaring that after 90% tax deduction, 10% agent commission, 2½% to business mgr and salaries to housekeeper and

sec'y he's lucky to clear more than \$1,000 per yr for self: "They've got a mighty nice place out at the motion picture relief home for old actors. I've been contributing to it regularly. You never can tell." 25-Q

On the Other Hand...

Mrs ELEANOR ROOSEVELT appealing for modification of immigration laws to permit displaced persons to enter U S: "I can not believe this would hurt our economy as some people say. The record of refugees we have accepted in yrs just past has been a very good record." 26-Q

LOUIS E STARR, nat'l comdr Veterans of Foreign Wars, warning against immigration: "The high divorce rate and the increase in juvenile delinquency in this country are due to lack of housing. We cannot overlook this in thinking about the million displaced persons we are being asked to admit to this country... Moreover, jobs are scarce. There are more than 4 million unemployed service men." 27-Q

Dr DAVID W COOK, industrial psychologist: "Thousands of square-jawed persons have as much aggressiveness as a canary bird." 28-Q

Rev EDGAR SCHMIEDER, director Nat'l Catholic Welfare Conference's bureau of family life in Catholic Review article assailing army policy of ordering home the pregnant wives of U S occupation troops: "Of all places for such an abuse, the order is in effect in former Nazi Germany, which horrified the whole world by precisely such abuses of human rights." 29-Q

Sen ELMER THOMAS of Okla: "Fascism, socialism, and commun-

ism—to me it's all the same thing and I'm not for it." 28-Q

LEWIS W DOUGLAS, newly appointed Ambassador to Great Britain, whose job will be to try to "understand differences and establish workable relations": "We must find a way for countries to work and trade together irrespective of their internal political policies." 29-Q

BEARDSLEY RUMI, chairman of board, R H Macy, predicting recession this yr unless public purchasing power is boosted: "Merchants are beginning to feel increased resistance to sales. Many businesses are so appalled at high costs of construction that they have just stopped their building plans." 30-Q

VICTOR MATURE, motion picture actor, relinquishing his title as "America's Number 1 sweater boy": "I can't help it if I've got a good set of muscles. I want to prove I've got something more. I'm tired of being nothing but a male strip-teaser." 31-Q

Sen TOM CONNALLY, of Tex: "It's either live in peace together or march down the broad highway that leads to hell." 32-Q

ROBT R YOUNG, ry official: "A minimum wage, without even a minimum effort, is communism in its most destructive form." 33-Q

FOWLER MCCORMICK, board chairman, Internat'l Harvester Co, announcing price cut on farm equipment estimated to save customers \$20 million annually: "These proposed reductions are not a result of consumer sales resistance or competitive factors... They were undertaken because the company realizes it has a social responsibility to consumers. We believe there is nothing more important to this country than to lower the prices of the goods that people buy." 34-Q

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MINING THE MAGAZINES

Interesting Facts About Easter

The 1st Easter was instituted about the yr 68. It was not, however, until the 6th century that what is called the Alexandrian mode of reckoning was introduced to the Roman Church, so assuring a common date. In the 6th century a controversy broke out in Britain concerning the time to keep Easter. This lasted 200 yrs.

From the earliest time Easter has been preceded by a season of fasting for 40 hrs, corresponding with the time which it is reckoned was the period that Christ lay in the grave. This was at first purely voluntary, but became afterward a prescribed and necessary duty for all believers. In the 6th century this fast was extended to 36 days; the other 4 days to complete the 40 days of Lent were added in either the 6th or 8th century.

The Christian Emperors of Rome were accustomed to release prisoners on Easter Day. Private persons often liberated their slaves.

The word we use—"Easter"—in the English language is something very different in other languages. "Easter" has absolutely nothing to do with the Resurrection of Christ at all, nor with the Passover. Like the days of the wk, and a good many other everyday words, Easter owes its origin to a heathen custom in the days of the Saxons. It is called from the Saxon goddess, Easter, whose festival was kept up in April. In French, the name of Easter is *Parques*; Scotch, *Pasch*; Dutch, *Paschen*; Danish, *Paaske*; Swedish, *Pask*. All these are variants of the one word, "pasch," the Jewish word connected with the Passover or Pascal Festival. — *Link*.

AGE—Youth—1

A reporter was visiting a small Southern town in search of information concerning a native reputed to be 112 yrs old.

"Tell me," he inq'd of a resident of the community, "how do you acc't for this man having lived all these yrs?"

"Well," repl'd the other, "I guess it's because he's never done anything else."—*Wall St Jnl*.

BUSINESS—2

A newspaperman was interviewing the late Sam'l Vauclain, pres of the Baldwin Locomotive Works, in a Chicago hotel one day in 1921. The postwar-one inflation bubble had blown up, prices were tumbling, economists were talking about the "buyers' strike," and business men were wondering gloomily how far it was to the bottom.

"Do you think business is ever going to pick up again?" asked the reporter.

"Well," said Vauclain, "it's a lot like the weather. Two farmers got to talking about that one day during a long dry spell. 'Think it'll ever rain, Zeke?' asked Hi.

"Zeke took a long look at the sky, took a fresh bite of cut-plug, thought it over a moment and said, 'Always has.'"—Wm A McGARRY, *Tracks*, hm, C & O Ry.

CHARACTER—3

Character, like embroidery, is made stitch by stitch.—MARY LYON, quoted in *Ladies' Home Jnl*.

COURTSHIP—4

Courting some girls is just like a football game—just when the line is going strong a little interference ruins everything!—*Block's Booster*.

DIVORCE—5

If the divorce rate keeps increasing, part of the marriage vow will have to be changed from "I do" to "adieu."—HY GARDNER, *Parade*.

EDUCATION—6

The chief end of education is a corresponding estimate of values, and a corresponding choice.—CHAS W EMERSON, *Reader's Scope*.

FAITH—7

On the coast, a little boy asked an old sailor a question. It was

just a simple question: "What is the wind?"

"I cannot tell you," said the old salt, "but I know how to hoist a sail."—JOHN W RUSTIN, "What Can Prayer Do?" *Chaplain*, 3-'47.

They DO say . . .

NEA reports that back in '29, average school-teacher was paid mere \$16 a yr less than average business employee. In '44, difference had jumped to \$464 . . . Rodney, St Louis hatter, features new line for women with wearer's name, phone number and marital status sewed on crown . . . Experts declare plow pictured on official seal of U S Dep't of Agriculture is left-handed . . . Margaret Bourke-White, who interviewed Gandhi, notes that altho he lectures on the devilishness of the machine—he departs via the motor power of a limousine after lecture . . . An item in *N Y Times Magazine* reports that collectors of ashes in Edgewater section of London have expressed a dislike for title, "collectors of ashes." They prefer to be referred to as "dirt gentlemen" . . . Incidental intake estimates: average person eats about 6 lbs of salt, drinks a ton of water per yr.

GIFTS—Giving—8

A group of American soldiers accompanied a shipment of heavy mach'y from Okinawa to Burma and all of the boys took along a \$10 bill, knowing that with the fabulous money exchange rate they could buy silk kimonos and other souvenirs while passing thru China. So pathetic were the sights along the st's, however, that the boys pooled their money, totaling \$680, and turned it in to buy food for the people. Returning to their base they were surprised to find a citation awaiting them. It spoke of their generous donation to the food fund, and revealed that with their money 30,000 persons were fed for one wk.—*Church World Service*.

HEALTH—9

Bacteria and viruses cross color lines without discrimination. It is intolerable that techniques which balk these enemies should themselves be balked because of color tint.

What color is health? Sometimes

I feel it ought to be blue, the color of justice. Mostly I think it is like sunlight or mountain air—no color at all but giving life to every color.—MICHAEL M DAVIS, *Survey Graphic*.

KINDNESS—Reward—10

During one of my childhood visits to the country I found a land terrapin and started to examine him, but the terrapin closed his shell like a vise. Seeing me trying to pry him with a stick, my uncle said: "No, no, that's not the way."

He took the creature inside and set him on the hearth. In a few min's he began to get warm, stuck out his head and feet, and calmly crawled toward me.

"People are sorta like terrapins," my uncle said. "Never try to force a fellow into anything. Just warm him up with a little human kindness, and more'n likely he'll come your way."—RILLA LEGGETT, quoted by IRVING HOFFMAN, *Hollywood Reporter*.

LABOR—Capital—11

We pass this anecdote along for the edification of capital and of labor alike. The part-time maid of a local bachelor asked him the other morning what this portal-to-portal-pay business is all about. He interrupted his breakfast newspaper reading long enough to give her what he thought was an adequate elementary explanation. It had almost immediate results. When he got home that evening, he found a note suggesting an increase of 50% in her hrly rate.

"Do not forget," she pointed out in conclusion, "that all the time I am not here you are not paying me anything at all."—*New Yorker*.

LANGUAGE—12

Some people use language to express thought, some to conceal thought, and others instead of thought.—*News & Views*.

MARRIED LIFE—13

A good husband is a rock of strength on which to lean—but there are times when he seems more like a pebble in the shoe.—HELEN ROWLAND, *Family Life*.

OBJECTIVITY—14

A father took his son on his knee and told him the story of the lost sheep: how it found a hole in the fence and crawled

thru; how glad it was to get away; how it wandered so far that it could not find its way back home. And then he told him of the wolf that chased the sheep, and how, finally, the Good Shepherd came and rescued it and carried it back to the fold.

The little boy was greatly interested and when the story was over, he asked: "Did they nail up the hole in the fence?"—*Circuit Rider*.

"St Patrick's Fish"

There's an old legend about St Patrick which we trust, will offend no one. Seems the good Saint, becoming unusually hungry one fast day, decided to have some pork chops. An angel caught him with the forbidden meat, and St Patrick promptly dropped it into a handy pail of water and said a prayer over the pail. Lo and behold, the chops were transformed into a couple of innocent-looking trout! The angel, somewhat puzzled, departed. To this day, "St Patrick's Fish"—meat dipped in water—is eaten on fast days in Ireland.—GATES HEBBARD, *Gourmet*. 15

OBSTACLES—Overcoming—16

Fabien Sevitzy, conductor Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra, demonstrated in a recent concert his ability to meet all situations. During the playing of a symphonic piece, he had to blow his nose. Stealthily he pulled a handkerchief from his pocket, waited for two passages calling for horns, then blew his nose twice in time with the music.—*Everybody's Wkly*.

ORIGIN—Maverick—17

The word maverick, meaning an unbranded cow, steer, or calf, is supposed to have originated in Texas where a Sam'l Maverick lived who did not brand his stock.—*Denver Post*.

PATIENCE—18

"Give me some milk! Give me some milk!" the little girl yelled, banging her cup on the table.

"W..y, Daughter, haven't you any patience?" one of her parents mildly chided her.

"Yes, I have," shouted the child, "but I haven't any milk!"—*Fifth Wheel*, hm, Ind Motor Truck Ass'n.



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MEGAPHONE**

The yr 1947 may go down in history as the period in which Christians began gropingly but sincerely to face their responsibilities to the community as a whole. An experimental Protestant conference on economic problems has just gone on record with the revolutionary decision that henceforth theological students should be trained in economics and industrial relations. The theme of "churches on the job" in economic matters was advocated by Chas P Taft, new president of Federal Council of Churches. Asserting that religious groups should produce more stimulating research in techniques of human co-operation, Mr Taft declared that churches aren't measuring up to their possibilities in economics, labor relations, investment policies, etc. The group feeling is that pastors must henceforth participate more actively in shaping the realistic factors of community life.

Coincidental with the conclusion of the conference came an announcement of one of its 1st fruits: the appointment of Rev Dale D Dutton as "vice-pres in charge of Christian relations" for Bristol Mfg Co, Providence, R I. The Rhode Island shoe and rubber firm, pioneer in a new field, is taking the Rev Mr Dutton from the pastorate of the Central Baptist church in Providence.

The position developed from an idea which occurred to Wm H Smith, treasurer and sales mgr of the company. Mr Dutton, in his new post is being given complete freedom "to do as God directs you." Discussing his unique job he says, "The sincere motive of the men of Bristol is to share what they have, and to give God just as much credit for their business success as they would give any other dept of their industry."



AGRICULTURE: Weed electrocutor now offered for farmers' use is claimed to rid 10 to 15 acres of land of weeds in single day, at cost of about \$10 an acre. (*Home Life*)

DENTAL AIDS: Toothpaste dispenser. Insert tube in dispenser, turn handle, and the cream is forced out, wasting nothing. (*Financial Post*)

DENTRIFICE in tablet form is being mkt'd by Plez Co, Portland, Ore. Idea is to pop tablet in the mouth with a sip of water, chew, and brush. (*Newsweek*)

HEATING - VENTILATING: New automatic air conditioning system on trains maintains even temp in ry cars by providing extra heat on windward side. (*Capper's Wkly*)

INVENTIONS: New automatic phonograph holds records upright for playing instead of flat, lessening time interval between changes of records. (*Everybody's Wkly*)

PACKAGING: Recently patented packing box can be converted into a cabinet by removing cover and setting it into a recess in the sides of the box where it serves as a shelf. (*Horizons*)

PROCESSES: New ink suitable for brushing, spraying, printing on paper and cloth, other surfaces, has been perfected by a N J mfr. (*Typographical Jnl*)

SPORTS EQUIPMENT: Fly wallets made of water-resistant cork prevent loss of valuable collection of trout-bait by fishermen. Wallets float. (*Science Service*)

TRANSPORTATION: New type ry sleeping car cabin is constructed so that the passenger can lower his berth into position without stepping into corridor or requiring assistance of a porter. (*A P Dispatch*)

PEACE—19

The nations can no more secure peace without righteousness in our citizens than they can stay the floods of the lower Mississippi when all the tributaries pour into it the cumulative floods of their vast regions.—FRANK D ELY, *World Affairs Interpreter*.

PREPAREDNESS—20

Some yrs ago a tourist was traveling along the shores of Lake Como in Northern Italy. When he reached the castle, Villa Asconati, a friendly old gardener opened the gate and showed him the grounds, which the old man kept in perfect order. The tourist asked when the owner of the castle had last been there.

"Twelve yrs ago."

"Does he ever write to you?"

"No."

"From whom do you get your instructions?"

"From his agent in Milan."

"Does he come?"

"Never."

"Who, then, comes here?"

"I am almost alone; only once in a while a tourist comes."

"But you keep this garden in such fine condition just as tho you expected your master to come tomorrow."

The old gardener promptly repl'd: "Today, sir, today!" — F T RUHLAND, *Walther League Messenger*.

REFORM—21

Current philosophies vary widely and disagree violently on many points, but each of them is based on the assumption that man is fundamentally good and that the cause of all his ills and woes lies outside himself—in the social structure, in the economic system, in the educational scheme, in sun spots or something else—not within the nature of man. Hence redemption is sought in outward improvements rather than inner changes.

The Chinese know better than that! When an aviator said, "We can now fly over 500 mi's per hr and travel from Tokyo to Calcutta in a few hrs," a Chinese repl'd, "Yes, my friend, but you are still the same man at the end of your journey!"—DAVID L STITT, "Broken Things," *Christian Observer*, 3-5-'47.

SPEECH—Speaking—22

Like most 12-yr-olds, I talked too much. One day at boys' camp

I sat, uninvited, by the side of a much admired young man counselor. We were perched on a boulder overlooking a swift mountain river. He was engrossed in sandpapering a lemonwood bow, as I pestered him with countless questions and opinions.

Finally he stopped his work, looked out over the roaring, cascading river, and asked: "Johnny, did the river keep you awake last night?"

"Why no, sir," I ans'd. "I guess I never paid any att'n to it."

"That's right," he said. "That old river makes so much noise all the time that nobody pays any att'n to it. Don't be like the river, Johnny."—Lt Comdr J M GORE, *Better Homes & Gardens*.

An Easter Thought

One day during the French Revolution, a man remarked to Talleyrand, who was Bishop of Autun: "The Christian religion—what is it? It would be easy to start a religion like that."

"Oh, yes," repl'd Talleyrand. "One would only have to get crucified and rise again on the 3rd day."—*Baptist Review*. 23

TRUTH—24

One of the nicest things about telling the truth is that you don't have to remember what you said.—*Construction Digest*.

VIEWPOINT—25

A few yrs ago, on one of those golden summer days in fairy-tale settings, a young friend and I were on a trip to the Middle West. As we reached the foothills of the Appalachians the sun was sinking and sky and earth blended into an undulation of fast-gathering colors that were pure enchantment to my N Y-fed eyes. Suddenly I heard myself breaking the silence, "Oh, look!" I exclaimed, pointing vaguely at the horizon.

"Aren't they wonderful!" said my young friend. "They're the largest smokestacks in the world, you know."

I didn't know. I still cannot understand why, with a whole festival of sunset before him, one should be looking for smokestacks. Is there an instinct for the ugly as well as the beautiful?—L RUTH MIDDLEBROOK, "The Temper of Our Age," *American Mercury*, 3-'47.

"It sounded more like a flat..."

One of America's most popular comedians on screen and radio, BOB HOPE can also lay claim to the title of author. His 1st best-seller, *I Never Left Home*, sold more than a million and a half copies. And now, after another look at the world, he has written *So This Is Peace* (Hope Corp'n, \$2.50).

One of the most-traveled of USO entertainers, BOB HOPE has covered the world rather thoroughly. And he proceeds to cover a number of postwar situations with an equal degree of thoroughness. Reconversion, veterans' problems, housing shortage—he analyzes and explains them all in his inimitable style of patter, but his humorous comments are cut through with some startling truths.

We're at peace. We're not enjoying it, but we're at it. And it's sensational what can happen in just one yr of it. We have famine in the midst of plenty and plenty in the midst of famine. The United Nations held meetings. But the meeting nations were never united. Great Britain's lion turned on Russia. The Russian Bear tried everything but Unguentine on Byrnes. And the whole UN setup got a cut out of Connecticut.

But we're doing all right. As soon as the war ended, we located the one spot on earth that hadn't been touched by war and blew it to hell.

For 4 long yrs of war, our advertisements and radio commercials were filled with promises. During the 1st yr of peace, the promises were filled by advertisements and radio commercials...

Peace has been a big boon to all kinds of entertainment. Movies, the drama, concerts, ballet... they're all sell-outs. Some authorities think this is because everyone is starved for diversion. My theory is that the housing shortage has created a floating population that will go anywhere they think there's a chance to sit down for a little while.

I honestly didn't realize how serious the housing situation was until the day I walked up to a phone booth and saw a guy in it depositing a hatful of nickels. I said, "Brother, you must be calling China."

He said, "No, I'm just paying rent."

I heard of one veteran who didn't have any trouble finding a place to live. His experience just shows you, you have to be practical. After looking for an apt for a few days, he decided to face facts. So he nailed his medals together, had a roof put on, and moved in. He papered the walls with his campaign ribbons.

When we played Tacoma, Marine

They're developing jet propulsion so fast, in conjunction with atomic energy, that pretty soon a kid in Chungking will holler, "Hey, Ma, I'm goin' to London to play softball with some Detroit kids" ... climb into his jet-propelled scooter and woosh off so fast he won't hear his mother yell, "be home for dinner by 6; your father has to get an early start to a poker game in Buenos Aires."

Sgt Jimmy Sames showed us 30 or 40 brand-new homes, all beautifully painted green to match the lumber they were made of. Jimmy admitted the lumber he put into his houses was green. But he said he played fair with the people. He gave them each a brand-new set of pruning shears.

One GI said he was tickled to death that his 3-room bungalow was built of green lumber. In 1 yr it grew into a 10-room boarding-house and bore 4 pre-fabricated garages at harvest-time.

Of course those prefabricated houses are really sensational. Today you can actually phone someone to send over a house, go to a double-feature movie, and when you come back you find your prefabricated home all ready with a prefabricated dinner waiting. All you have to do is add boiling water, let cook 10 min's and then go out to eat.

But the prefabricated houses are really cute. I saw a lot of different kinds. They come in several styles. Some even look like houses. They can be put up in anywhere from 2 to 10 hrs by 3 strong men and brought down in anywhere from 5 to 10 sec's by one strong wind. Somewhere along our route I saw an ad for a prefab house that said, "Anyone who can change a tire can put up this house." That sounded more like a flat than a nouse.



Finnigin to Flannigan STRICKLAND GILLILAN

It was 50 yrs ago this mo that Strickland Gillilan 1st heard the story of Finnigin. Then working on the Palladium, in Richmond Ind, he used the yarn in his column as a brief anecdote. The catch-phrase "off ag'in, on ag'in, gone ag'in" caught his fancy and he rewrote it in verse.

School children, amateur orators, political speakers, and parlor performers everywhere have recited the story of Finnigin, the ry section boss who had a flare for writing lengthy, detailed accident reports. So lengthy and "tajus" were the reports that they wore Supt Flannigan "clane and completely out to tell what Finnigan writ about!" Supt Flannigan reprimanded Finnigin for his wordiness: "Don't do sich a sin ag'in; Make 'em brief, Finnigan!" And he did.

Wan da-ay, on the siction av Finnigin,

On the road sup'rintended by Flannigan,
A rail give way on a bit av a curve,

And some kyars went off as they made the swerve.

"There's nobody hurtid," sez Finnigin,

"But repoorts must be made to Flannigan."

An' he winked at McGorrigan,
As married a Finnigin.

He wuz shantyin' thin, wuz Finnigin,

As minny a railroader's been ag'in,
An' the shmoky ol' lamp wuz burnin' bright

In Finnigin's shanty all that night—

Billin' down his repoort, was Finnigin!

An' he writid this here: "Muster Flannigan:

Off ag'in, on ag'in,
Gone ag'in—Finnigin."

The hit-and-run driver was brought to trial. His lawyer pleaded eloquently in his behalf. "Your Honor, the plaintiff must have been walking very carelessly. My client is a very careful driver. He has been driving a car for 11 yrs."

"Your Honor," shouted counsel for plaintiff. "I can prove that my client should win this case without further argument. He has been walking for 45 yrs!"—*Woodmen of the World Magazine.*

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Smithers was preparing to take a solo jaunt up into the mountains, when Jake, the grizzled old camp guide, stopped him to check up on his supplies.

"You gotta map an' a compass?" asked Jake.

"Certainly," repl'd Smithers.

"Hev you gotta deck of playin' cards?"

"Why, no," rejoined Smithers. "What do I need with them?"

"It mought save your life," old Jake repl'd. "I always carry a pack. If you get lost, just set down and begin playin' a game o' solitaire. Next thing you know some fool will pop up behind you and begin telling you what to do next."—*Pure Oil News.*



Honeymoon: The morning after the knot before.—*Typo Graphic.*

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There's a narrow margin between keeping your chin up and sticking your neck out.—*Judge.*

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A model marriage is one in which the wife is a treasure and the husband is a treasury.—*Watchman-Examiner.*

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Philosopher: A person who always knows what to do until it happens to him.—*Fireman's Fund Record.*

GOOD STORIES YOU CAN USE

I LAUGHED AT THIS ONE

CLINTON CAMPBELL
Engineer

A Holy Father was making his way home thru the pouring rain one night when a stickup man shoved a gun in his ribs. With a string of oaths, the thug ordered the priest to put up his hands. As the priest complied his clerical collar became visible. This greatly embarrassed the thug and he apologized at great length for his stupid blunder.

The priest admonished him: "Let this be a lesson to you, my man." To show there were no hard feelings he offered the man a cigar.

The crook shook his head. "Oh, no, Father, I never smoke during Lent."

Visitor: "How did your horse happen to win the race?"

Jockey: "Well, I just kept whispering in his ear, 'Roses are red, violets are blue—horses that lose are made into glue.'"—*Sunshine.*

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The night before a wedding recently, the grandmother was busy in the kitchen, helping to finish up sandwiches and pastries for the reception. In flounced the bride with the groom in her wake. As the bride leaned over the table to admire the heaping platters, the young man playfully kissed the nape of her neck.

"There, now," snapped Grandmother, "no nibbling at the frosting before the cake's on the table!"—*This Wk.*

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Henry Wallace dined with a friend at a mid-town restaurant. Highballs were brought to the table, together with the plastic mixers. After the mixers were used to stir the drinks, Wallace snapped them into small pieces. "Why did you do that?" he was asked. "They are made of a milk ingredient,"

he said. "When I break them, it means new ones have to be ordered. Since they're made of milk, new orders mean increased business for the farmers."—*LEONARD LYONS, syndicated col.*

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Clarence Darrow was once asked to give his definition of a smart man.

"A smart man," he repl'd, "is a fellow who hasn't let a woman pin anything on him since he was a baby."—*Westerner.*

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Mrs Jones, a London lady, was proudly discussing her new American son-in-law with a neighbor. "My Gwendolyn has done very well for herself, I must say," she boasted. "H'after all, 'tisn't every day a young girl marries an American lord."

"An American lord? Why, I ain't ever 'eard of such a thing in all my born days!"

"I wouldn't tell you a lie," said Mrs Jones. "Ain't you ever 'eard of the American 'ousing shortage? That's why Gwendolyn's husband is so hoity-toity. He's a real American lord — a landlord!"—*PAULINE SALTZMAN, hm, C & O Ry.*

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The retiring old usher was instructing his youthful successor in the details of his office. "And always remember, my boy, that we have nothing but good, kind Christians in this church until you try to put someone else in their pew."—*World Call.*

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The rivalry between Disraeli and Gladstone — Prime Ministers under Queen Victoria. — was intense. Called upon to tell the difference between a misfortune and a calamity, Disraeli hesitated and then ans'd: "There is a similarity, but there is also a profound difference. If, let us say, Mr Gladstone were to fall into the Thames, that would be a misfortune. But if anyone were to pull him out, that would be a calamity."—*Kansas City Star.*

